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SUMMARY: JAPAN-PHILIPPINE TRADE AND AID RELATIONSHIP, JAPANESE STANCE TOWARD ASEAN AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND US AND SOVIET INTENTIONS IN ASIA APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PRINCIPLE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY PM FUKUDA AND PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS DURING LATTER'S STATE VISIT HERE APRIL 25-28. MARCOS' CLAIM IN PRESS CONFERENCE THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT BILATERAL TRADE IMBALANCE IS BORNE OUT NEITHER BY MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF WHAT FUKUDA TOLD HIM NOR BY JOINT COMMUNIQUE. GOJ AND JAPANESE BUSINESS CIRCLES SPARED NO PAINS TO MAKE MARCOS'S AND ENTOURAGE FEEL WELCOME, BUT PUBLIC INTEREST IN VISIT WAS CURSORY. END SUMMARY.

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1. PRESIDENT MARCOS OF PHILIPPINES, INTERMITTENTLY SECONDED BY IMELDA, REGALED JAPANESE AT LENGTH ON NEED FOR GREATER JAPANESE ECONOMIC AID TO ASEAN GENERALLY AND PHILIPPINES SPECIFICALLY DURING STATE VISIT APRIL 25-28. ACCORDING TO MEDIA ACCOUNTS, MARCOS ASKED GOJ TO HELP ESTABLISH COPPER REFINING PLANT AND JOINT FISHING VENTURE, TO JOIN IN DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE URANIUM

RESOURCES, AND TO INCREASE AND STABILIZE IMPORTS OF FERTILIZERS, BANANAS, SUGAR, PAPAYA AND MANGOES. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW TREATY OF AMITY, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION IN JUNE AND ALSO TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL TAX CONVENTION.

2. PM FUKUDA IN REPLY IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT GOJ AGENCIES "TO STUDY WAYS OF EXTENDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION." ONE NEWSPAPER SAID FUKUDA ALSO EXPRESSED JAPAN'S READINESS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF URANIUM RESOURCES. IN RESPONSE TO MARCOS' EMPHASIS ON GREATER JAPANESE AID TO ASEAN STATES AS VITAL TO THEIR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY, FUKUDA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT JAPAN HAD "SLIGHTLY NEGLECTED" REGION IN RECENT YEARS. HE ASSURED MARCOS THAT GOJ REGARDED PROMOTION OF BETTER TIES WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES, AND ESPECIALLY ASEAN STATES, AS MAJOR PILLAR OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY. PRESS INDICATES FUKUDA ARGUED THAT IF JAPAN SUCCEEDED IN REINVIGORATING OWN ECONOMY, AND ACHIEVING 6.7 PERCENT GROWTH TARGET THIS YEAR, ASEAN STATES WOULD ALSO PROSPER AND RECENT TRADE IMBALANCES DISAPPEAR.

3. LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED STRONG PHILIPPINE EFFORT TO OBTAIN JAPANESE ENDORSEMENT OF G-77 AIMS, INCLUDING COMMON FUND, TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE TRANSFERS, EXPORT EARNINGS STABILIZATION AND GREATER PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS IN LDC'S. JAPANESE, AWARE THAT COMMERCIAL TREATY UNDER RENEGOTIATION WITH GOP WILL ESTABLISH PRECEDENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD GENERALLY, PROMISED TO "SEEK EARNESTLY, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL MEASURES IN SUCH AREAS AS TRADE AND COMMODITIES," AND TO IMPLEMENT STEADILY WHATEVER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS MAY BE REACHED. JAPAN WOULD, COMMUNIQUE SAID, SEEK EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ITS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT AID. FUKUDA AND MARCOS WERE FURTHER SAID TO HAVE AGREED THAT INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NEEDED TO STABILIZE TRADE IN LDC COMMODITIES "AT LEVELS REMUNERATIVE AND JUST FOR PRODUCERS AND EQUITABLE FOR CONSUMERS."

4. COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID THAT FUKUDA WAS "GREATLY IMPRESSED" BY NEW SOCIETY'S "PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STABILITY."

5. COMMUNIQUE MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LEADERS' DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL MATTERS. MEDIA HAVE NOTED, BUT NOT DETAILED, EXCHANGES ON POLICIES OF US AND USSR IN ASIA, ON ASEAN-VIETNAM RELATIONS, AND ON KOREAN SITUATION. WE

HAVE DATE TO REVIEW VISIT WITH FONOFF WORKING LEVEL ON MAY 2, AND HOPE FOR DETAILS THEN. WE WILL ALSO ASK FONOFF IF MARCOS' CLAIM IN PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 27 THAT HE AND FUKUDA AGREED ON CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT LARGE BILATERAL TRADE IMBALANCE IS ACCURATE.

6. IN PRESS CONFERENCE, MARCOS STRESSED THAT GREATEST THREAT ASEAN STATES FACED WAS INTERNAL GUERRILLA DISTURBANCES, FOR WHICH HE BELIEVED SMOOTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THE MOST EFFECTIVE REMEDY. HE QUOTED WITH APPROVAL FUKUDA'S STATEMENT THAT JAPAN WOULD NEITHER REARM NOR "GO NUCLEAR."

7. MARCOS'S STATE VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE SET PRECEDENTS IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. THEIR ENTOURAGE, INCLUDING A DOZEN CABINET MEMBERS, WAS ENORMOUS; FOR FIRST TIME GOJ ALLOWED SAME CHIEF OF STATE TO MAKE A SECOND STATE VISIT (MARCOS' FIRST VISIT WAS IN 1966); A SPOUSE SAT IN ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER (BUT OTHERWISE IMELDA KEPT HER PROFILE FAIRLY LOW). VERNACULAR DAILIES AND TV WERE RESTRAINED AND POLITE IN COVERAGE, AND MAN IN THE STREET -- EXCEPT PERHAPS WHEN HELD UP WAITING FOR ENDLESS OFFICIAL MOTORCADE TO PASS -- APPARENTLY TOOK SCANT NOTICE OF THE MOCOS'S.

8. MARCOS ANNOUNCED HE PLANS TO LEAVE TOKYO FOR MANILA AT ABOUT 1300 JST ON APRIL 29 -- ONE DAY EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED.  
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